

# OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN ANTHONY YOUNG CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

NOVEMBER 13, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE





Councilman Tony Young meeting at Malcolm X Library discussing Mayor Sanders' mid year budget cuts.

# **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

On Monday, November 10, 2008, I hosted a meeting of over one hundred district stakeholders at Malcolm X Library to discuss Mayor Sanders' mid year budget cuts which included recommendations to close park and recreation centers and libraries. The City faces a \$43 million budget deficit and unfortunately there are several City employees and departments slated for elimination. As a result, we can expect citywide reductions in critical services. At the meeting I passed information detailing the Mayor's recommended cuts and provided attendees with first hand knowledge of potential 4<sup>th</sup> District impacts. I heard several comments and suggestions about how the City should prioritize reductions and/or save money and not cut departments and services. At the Wednesday, November 12, 2008 meeting of the San Diego City Council, I shared those suggestions with my colleagues during Council discussions as well as several recommendations I made to generate revenues and/or save money without having to close our libraries or park and recreation centers. I want to thank those who attended the meeting and gave input. The City Council will be discussing the proposed recommendations on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. During this process, I pledge to continue to work hard to maintain the highest level of city services to minimize negative impacts for our district. To review the Mayor's recommendations please go to www.sandiego.gov. Also, if you want to share your comments or recommendations, please contact my office at 619-236-6644.



# YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

You're invited to a Breakfast! Building Our Community Together—To determine our priorities for the community's future development! This will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 9:00 am—11:00 am at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114. This community breakfast hosted by my office, The Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC), Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation (JCNI) and the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) is to celebrate 7 years of progress and help create future plans for housing, economic and commercial development in the CNC, JCNI, SEDC areas of influence.

SMART MONEY! Understanding Your Credit Workshop and Homeownership Preservation 2008 Presented by my office, City/County Reinvestments Task Force, Ron Roberts-County Supervisor, Washington Mutual Bank, and Community HousingWorks will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Community HousingWorks (4305 University Ave.) FREE Admission! To RSVP for the Understanding your Credit Workshop call (619) 282-6647 ext. 5466. To RSVP for the WAMU Homeownership Preservation call 1(877) 533-8960.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, I Love a Clean San Diego volunteers came to our district to clean up debris in open space areas. As part of ILACSD's Clean Canyons for a Clean Coast program, volunteers came to correct the negative impact created by litter and illegal dumping. The group's starting point was just east of the Malcolm X library. There, they loaded up with gloves, snacks and water for the upcoming task. With trash bags and arm pickers in hand, about thirty people stretched out over the 5100 block of Market Street sacking debris that could eventually wind up in the ocean due to run off into the creek bed. Another group of volunteers drove to a clean up spot near Radio Drive in Encanto . All together we had 88 volunteers that collected over 2700 pounds of debris and nearly 600 pounds of recycled material. I want to thank Natalie Roberts from ILACSD and City staff for their efforts in making the event a success. If you want to volunteer at I Love a Clean San Diego you can log onto their website at www.wastefreesd.org.

The Malcolm X Library proudly presents: Conversations on Race. An Examination on the Status of Race Relations in San Diego in the Past 40 Years with Dr. Carrol Waymon will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008



from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library Multipurpose Room (5148 Market Street) For more information contact (619) 527-3405 or www.sandiego.library.org.

The San Diego Food Bank is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive to provide food for those less fortunate this holiday season. The 2008 Holiday Food Drive will run from November 1 to December 31. Please drop-off non-perishable food items in the Food Bank's famous red collection barrels at VONS, Trader Joe's and Stater Brothers grocery stores throughout the county, or food can be delivered directly to the San Diego Food Bank warehouse: 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego 92121. The San Diego Food Bank needs food that will provide nutritious meals for people in need. Our most needed items include: canned meat & tuna; canned soups; canned fruits and vegetables; peanut butter; canned beans; spaghetti; dry cereal; rice and mac & cheese. Important note: the Food Bank cannot accept perishable items or items in glass jars due to food safety regulations.

Water For Children Africa's 12<sup>th</sup> Africa Trade and Business Conference
Saturday, November 22, 2008: All Day Conference from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. For more information call Richard at: (619) 266-0366 or visit <a href="www.waterforchildrenafrica.org">www.waterforchildrenafrica.org</a>.
Sunday, November 23, 2008: will be Pray for Africa at Bethel Memorial AME Church from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call Richard at: (619) 266-0366 or visit <a href="www.waterforchildrenafrica.org">www.waterforchildrenafrica.org</a>.

**Saturday, January 31, 2009:** San Diego Super Run 2009 10K and 5K will benefit Water For Children Africa. For more information please contact <a href="https://www.kathyloperevents.com">www.kathyloperevents.com</a>.

Who says Community Service can't be Fun? Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County Be a Big Brother or Big Sister! Bigs In Schools and Community Mentoring Program! For more information on how you and your group can volunteer, Please call (858) 536-4900 x213. Apply online at <a href="https://www.SDBigs.org">www.SDBigs.org</a>.

The Grand Parent's Connection! Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parent's, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affection grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center



(415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at shearl2530@sbcglobal.net.

Shop the World at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday International Marketplace! Check it out! A new and different open-air shopping experience for all of San Diego. Monthly, every third Saturday from 12:00pm to 6:00m on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at *Where the World Meets* inside Market Creek Plaza (336 Euclid Ave.)

San Diego Show All Stars Cheerleading and Dance 2008-2009 season is now accepting applications! Open House November 16, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 5275 Market Street. Teamwork, Self-confidence, Self-esteem and College scholarships! Just \$70 per month, Fundraising opportunities available. No Experience Necessary! Contact Ms. Tracey at (619) 788-6042 or Coach Debbie at (619) 518-8184. You can also email at <a href="mailto:info@sdshowcheeranddance.org">info@sdshowcheeranddance.org</a>. Please visit <a href="mailto:www.sdshowcheeranddance.org">www.sdshowcheeranddance.org</a> for more information.

San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling, Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Prequalification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

Get your FREE Home Energy Savings Kit from SDG&E! To help you save energy and money, SDG&E® has assembled a Home Energy-Savings Kit containing useful items to help you save water and the energy used to heat it. Order Your Free Home Energy-Savings Kit Today! By saving energy and water you will be helping to protect the environment by conserving precious natural resources for the region. Visit <a href="www.sdge.com/energykit">www.sdge.com/energykit</a> for more information and to order your free kit today.

Neighborhood Council Support Program The CNC's Neighborhood Council Support Program provides grants for neighborhood council projects that promote community participation and are consistent with the mission of the CNC. Funding priority will be given to projects that enhance the beauty, safety, and quality of life in the 4<sup>th</sup> District and/or strengthen relations among community members. Projects can include block parties, art programs, cultural events, street fairs, health fairs, clean-ups, community gardens, and other neighborhood council organized programs and activities. The CNC anticipates awarding a total of \$2,500 in grants each quarter. Neighborhood councils may submit requests for up to \$2,500.



Neighborhood Councils in the 4<sup>th</sup> District who have a designated member in good standing with the CNC are eligible and encouraged to apply. Please complete the CNC's Neighborhood Council Support Program grant application as early as 6 months before, but no later than 30 days prior to your event. Please note the deadline for submissions is October 31, 2008. Please contact the CNC Community Building Department at (619) 325-3580 if you would like to set up a meeting.

# <u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the Fiscal Year 2010 (July 2009 - June 2010) are now available.</u>

There are three ways to obtain a copy of the application: 1. A hard copy of the application can be downloaded and printed from the web site:

www.sandiego.gov/cdbg. Click on the "Applications, Forms and Regulations tab.

- 2. Request for the application to be sent electronically from the CDBG Office.
- 3. Pick up a hard copy at the CDBG Office located at 1200 Third Ave. San Diego, CA 92101.

# Please keep in mind the Application Timeline Process:

November 3, 2008 Application Packets Available

November 17, 2008 Applicant Workshops (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.), War Memorial Bldg.,

Balboa Park

December 10, 2008 Applicant Workshops (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.), War Memorial Bldg.,

Balboa Park

December 17, 2008 Applications Due at 5 p.m.

For further questions regarding the application process, contact the CDBG Office at (619) 236-6476 or <a href="mailto:cdbg@sandiego.gov">cdbg@sandiego.gov</a>.

# **GRAFFITI INFORMATION**

#### **ONE-STOP**

City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

### **GRAFFITI REPORTING**

San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000 Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: <a href="mailto:oamado@pd.sandiego.gov">oamado@pd.sandiego.gov</a>

Online Reporting Form: <a href="www.sandiego.gov/graffiti">www.sandiego.gov/graffiti</a>

GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-Know the exact location of the graffiti!

Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884

Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042

If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009

Online Reporting Form: www.dot.ca.gov/maintform



SDG&E: (800) 411-7343 Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251

U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777 City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500

Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

#### **GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES**

"Paint Bank"- Free recycled paint and supplies: (619) 527-5419
Appointments Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:30-1:30 p.m.
Project CLEAN- Linda Pennington (City Heights only): (619) 563-4014
Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association-Jose Lopez: (619) 282-2788
Paint, rollers, brushes, 4 basic paint colors

#### CITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Public right-of-way/City-owned property: 4 days Private property-responsibility of owner: depends on owner

#### OTHER CITY RESOURCES

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 694-7000

4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!

# Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

A Free Mini-Community Cleanup and Recycling Event will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. For location and cleanup information, please call Officer Christopher Penman at (858) 492-6027.

At the October 15, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4<sup>th</sup> District community of North Encanto, a total of 11.50 tons of waste was collected, 11.04 tons were non-recyclables and .46 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and



appliances from the neighborhood. Alejandro Alvarado-Medina, from North Encanto, community members, and the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, are commended for their assistance and support.

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

O'Farrell Park Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at MLK Park, 5148 6401 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Webster Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Webster Elementary School, 4801 Elm Street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

<u>Diamond Business Improvement District Meeting</u> will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Mountain View Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain View Rec. Center, 641 Boundary Street (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

<u>Paradise Hills Village Council Meeting</u> will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Elementary School, 6196 Childs Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

# **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college



degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov">www.sandiego.gov</a> and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners! Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or jdholt@sandiego.gov.

# Seeking Nominations - Housing Advisory & Appeals Board

We are seeking nominations of candidates to serve on the **Housing Advisory & Appeals Board**. The Board consists of five members, and **four of the current members** of the Board, who are nearing their seventh year of service, **will be termed out**. Candidates must be members who are qualified by experience and training to advise on matters pertaining to the safety and adequacy of housing. The Housing Advisory & Appeals Board advises Neighborhood Code Compliance on reasonable interpretations of the provisions of the Housing Code, adopts rules and regulations for conducting investigations, hears appeals, and recommends new legislation to City Council, as needed. Board members serve for a **term of two years** and are eligible to serve for a maximum of eight years. For more



information please contact (619) 236-6644.

Nominations of candidates to serve on the Historical Resource Board! The Board consists of eleven members, and currently, there are two vacancies. At this time, we are seeking candidates to fulfill the "At-Large" category on the Board. For more information contact Lisa Gordon at (619) 236-7740.

Nomination for the City's International Affairs Board The Mayor's office is soliciting nominations of a Council District 4 resident to sit on the City's International Affairs Board. A couple of the requirements of the nominee are an elector (registered voter) in the County of San Diego at the time of appointment and for the entire term of the appointment and interest and/or experience in international affairs. Please provide any prospects to Mr. Jimmie Slack at (619) 236-6644 or <a href="mailto:jslack@sandiego.gov">jslack@sandiego.gov</a>. If prospects need more information, please direct them to the City's website under the Board & Commissions information.

#### **Parking Advisory Board**

**District 4 Representative** 

District 5 Representative District 8 Representative

#### **Board of Building Appeals and Advisors**

Seeking Electrical Engineer

#### **Community Forest Advisory Board**

Seeking Horticulturalist/Nursery Industry Representative Seeking At-Large Candidate

#### **Data Processing Corporation Board of Directors**

Seeking candidate with professional background or experience in the field of technology (information technology/data processing) and has held the position of CIO, CEO, CFO, COO, Chief Technology Officer, Accountant, or Attorney

#### **Independent Rates Oversight Committee**

Seeking Temporary Irrigation Construction Customer (ratepayer classification) which means that the candidate has or works for a company that has a permit (ongoing) with the City for a Fire Hydrant Meter Account

<u>Old Town San Diego Planned District Design Review Board</u> – All members shall be persons who are specifically qualified by reason of training or experience in history, art, architecture, land development, landscape architecture, tourism, planning or other relevant business or profession able to judge the aesthetic effects of a proposed



development.

Architect

Property Owner in the Old Town San Diego Community Planning Area

#### **Relocation Appeals Board**

Seeking Candidates that are qualified by reason of training and experience in real estate, human relations, housing, urban development, redevelopment or other business or profession

#### **Wetlands Advisory Board**

Seeking candidate that represents land owners/Land Use Attorney Seeking candidate with expertise in vernal pools or riparian freshwater habitat

# SAVE THIS DATE:

Brother Shirley Gary and The Chosen Evangelistic Music Ministry Team present the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Services on Saturday, November 29, 2008 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ (4999 Holly Drive) Be Encouraged "God Is Working It Out" Celebrate over 50 years of continuous service to "God" and the San Diego Community.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Parade "Living the Dream" "Let Freedom Ring" presented by Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Fund, Inc. will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The staging area will be at Tailgate Park (13<sup>th</sup> and Imperial Ave.) The Parade route will be North on Park Blvd. to J St. West on J St. to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. South on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. back to Tailgate Park. For more information please contact the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Committee at (619) 264-0542.

**THANK YOU....** for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at <a href="mailto:anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov">anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov</a>.

